

During the past 4 years, Mr. Behan has been assigned to FAA headquarters in Washington, DC, as Manager of the Air Traffic Plans and Programs Division, where he has done an outstanding job.

Over the years Mr. Behan has received many awards and recognition for his services to the flying public. He was recently recognized by the Secretary of Transportation for accomplishments on the Level I Contract Tower Management Team and received the FAA Administrator's Superior Accomplishment Award in 1994 for excellence for increasing representation of women and minorities in GS-13 and above positions from 10 percent to more than 60 percent. Mr. Behan is regarded by his friends and coworkers alike as a public servant dedicated to ensuring the flying public the highest quality of safety and service. His dedication and devotion to duty will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, I know the rest of my colleagues join me in recognizing Mr. Behan for his many years of selfless public service and wish him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my return to Washington from my congressional district on Tuesday, January 18 due to weather conditions.

I request to state for the RECORD that had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the resolution before the House, the Congressional Accountability Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE WEST ANGELES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP. AND ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LULA BAILEY BALLTON

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute the West Angeles Community Development Corp. [West Angeles CDC] and its executive director, Mrs. Lula Bailey Ballton. Under Mrs. Ballton's outstanding and innovative leadership, West Angeles CDC is working to empower residents of the Los Angeles community. Located in my congressional district, the West Angeles CDC was established for the purpose of promoting, developing, and fostering economic development, social justice, and community transformation opportunities in and around the Crenshaw community.

West Angeles CDC's approach to economic development is simple: to attain and maintain local control of capital and management of community assets. Progeny of the West Angeles Church of God in Christ and its spiritual leader—Bishop Charles E. Blake—West Angeles CDC understands that the key to an economically secure future rests in achieving economic parity. To help residents of the community accomplish this goal, West Angeles CDC

forms new partnership arrangements with the private sector to create new jobs and stimulate economic activity in the community.

West Angeles CDC offers several important training initiatives to help the community prepare for the new jobs that come into the area as a result of the organization's outreach. Through its Adult Learning Center, classes are offered in computer applications, clerical training, English as a second language, and business skills critical to enhancing employment opportunities for residents. Nearly 100 trained tutors, operating under the auspices of the West Angeles Literacy Empowerment Team [WALET], work to improve the reading and comprehension skills of students.

West Angeles CDC's executive director, Mrs. Lula Bailey Ballton, has been instrumental in steering the organization toward its goals. Under her leadership, a program is being developed to rehabilitate low-income, mixed-income, and affordable housing in communities surrounding the West Angeles Church. Future plans call for the development of a senior low-income housing project and providing comprehensive services such as housing rehabilitation mortgage counseling, and housing development.

Educator, businesswoman, and attorney, Lula Bailey Ballton brings a wealth of experience to her position. She has served on the faculties of several colleges and universities, including city colleges of Chicago, Los Angeles City College, and El Camino College. She also served as director of education for the Chicago Urban League, and founded the Whitney M. Young Scholarship and the Edwin Berry Loan Fund. In 1984, she founded SCHOOL SEARCH, Inc., a school finders service. She chairs the corporation's board of directors.

Mrs. Ballton received a juris doctorate in 1990 from the UCLA School of Law. She served as an attorney in the civil rights division of the California Department of Justice, and prior to joining West Angeles CDC, was with the law firm of Bryan, Cave, McPheeters, and McRoberts.

Residents in and around the Crenshaw community are indeed fortunate to have an individual of Mrs. Ballton's stature at the helm of West Angeles CDC. Her skills are formidable and will be a tremendous asset to the organization as it moves to launch several other programs, all designed to bring self-sufficiency and economic parity to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to have this opportunity to salute the fine work being done by the West Angeles Community Development Corp. and Mrs. Lula Bailey Ballton. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending to them best wishes for continued success as they persevere to fulfill a commitment to community empowerment.

TRIBUTE TO COL. GEORGE M. MATTINGLEY, JR., USAF

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Col. George M. "Matt" Mattingley, Jr., as he retires after more than

24 years of distinguished service with the U.S. Air Force.

Colonel Mattingley is retiring from his position as the Chief of the Inquiry Division, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. In this capacity, he was responsible for the preparation of replies in behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force to constituent inquiries from all Members of this Chamber as well as our colleagues in the Senate. Equally significant was his responsibility to the White House and the Office of the Vice President for similar constituent services.

As a spokesman for the Secretary of the Air Force, he made numerous visits to Capitol Hill to confer personally with Members of Congress on a broad range of topics—personnel management, entitlements eligibility, health care administration, and military justice. He established and fostered positive working relations with our district military caseworkers, enabling us to work on sensitive constituent issues in a timely manner.

Many Members have traveled with Matt, who led numerous delegations worldwide. Matt and his subordinates went to great lengths to make them comfortable, frequently working long hours to accommodate their changes in itinerary and unique travel requirements.

The freshman of the 103d Congress got to know Matt particularly well as Matt was the Department of Defense and Department of the Air Force representative who provided the logistics and protocol support for their orientation here in Washington and at Harvard University.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation not only for outstanding service to the legislative and executive branches, but also as one of the consummate executives of the Air Force.

TRIBUTE TO DALE LAURANCE

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in saluting Dale Laurance, executive vice president of Occidental Petroleum Corp., for the great contribution he has made to the nonprofit "House of Justice," Bet Tzedek Legal Services of Los Angeles.

Dale Laurance became deeply involved in the work of Bet Tzedek through his close friends, Jerry Coben and Jerry Stern. He has brought tremendous energy and an abundance of talent and creativity to this work. He has also enlisted the assistance of a vast circle of businesses and professionals, who were drawn to Bet Tzedek by his persuasive presentation of its goals, accomplishments, and effectiveness. A great amount of the service that Bet Tzedek is able to provide the poor and the elderly in Los Angeles can be traced directly to Mr. Laurance's tireless efforts on Bet Tzedek's behalf.

Mr. Laurance also deserves our recognition for a distinguished career in petroleum engineering, and for his signal contributions to the